

Notice of Allowability

| Application No. | Applicant(s) |
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 20 August 2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-7.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20070831.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Simon Shim on 31 August 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 on line 1, the comma has been deleted.

In claim 1 on line 15, "the" has been deleted.

In claim 1 on lines 15 through 16, immediately following "of" (second occurrence) and prior to "neighboring" the word --a-- has been inserted.

In claim 1 on line 18, "other" has been deleted and --a-- inserted therefor.

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 3 has been rewritten as follows:

--3. The block of claim 1, wherein at least one connection member is outwardly widened in the outer side direction of the rim of the base frame.--

Claim 4 has been rewritten as follows:

--4. The block of claim 1, further comprising a reinforcing rib formed in a longitudinal direction in an inner surface of at least one said connection member.--.

Claim 5 has been rewritten as follows:

--5. The block of claim 1, wherein at least one said connection hole is configured to connect with neighboring blocks.--.

Claim 6 has been rewritten as follows:

--6. The block of claim 5, wherein each said guide part is formed at a rear end of each said connection part for thereby guiding the front end of the connection part in such a manner that it is overlapped with a connection part of a neighboring embankment block, and wherein the front end of each said connection narrow width relative to the rear end.--.

Claim 7 has been rewritten as follows:

--7. The block of claim 1, wherein at least one engaging protrusion is formed in lower surface of at least one said connection part, and wherein at least one said engaging hole is formed in a lower surface of the at least one connection part and capable of receiving at least one engaging protrusion of a neighboring embankment block.--.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 20 August 2007. These drawings are not acceptable because Figure 1 does not include a Prior Art label. **The drawings filed 22 January 2007 are acceptable.**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tara L. Mayo whose telephone number is 571-272-6992. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas B. Will can be reached on 571-272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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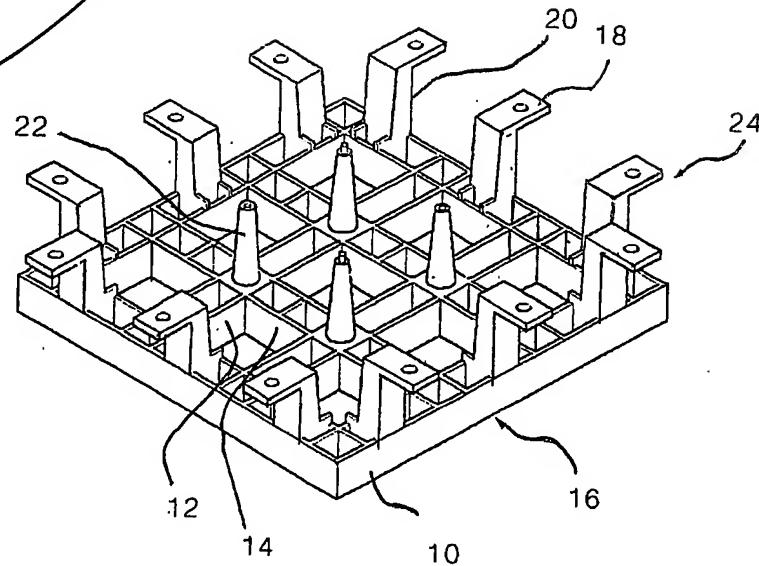
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